

Maine Revised Statutes

**Title 29-A: MOTOR VEHICLES HEADING: PL
1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (new); Pt. B, §5 (aff)**

**Chapter 5: VEHICLE REGISTRATION HEADING:
PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (new); Pt. B, §5 (aff)**

§453. VANITY REGISTRATION PLATES

1. Vanity registration plates. The Secretary of State may issue registration plates that contain letters or a combination of letters and numbers for automobiles, taxi cabs, limousines, pickup trucks, trucks, motorcycles, motor homes or semitrailers and camp trailers. The number of characters appearing on a plate issued under this section may not exceed 7. The Secretary of State may not issue vanity plates for vehicles registered pursuant to section 504, subsection 2, or section 512, 531 or 532.

[2001, c. 34, §1 (AMD) .]

2. Fee. The annual service fee for a vanity registration plate is \$25 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee. The service fee must be credited to the General Highway Fund, except that, beginning July 1, 2009, \$10 of the service fee must be transferred on a quarterly basis by the Treasurer of State to the TransCap Trust Fund established by Title 30-A, section 6006-G. A sum sufficient to defray the cost of this program must be allocated annually from the General Highway Fund.

[2007, c. 647, §1 (AMD); 2007, c. 647, §8 (AFF) .]

3. Duplicate plates.

[2003, c. 434, §37 (AFF); 2003, c. 434, §8 (RP) .]

3-A. Restrictions. The Secretary of State, in the Secretary of State's discretion, may refuse to issue or may recall a vanity plate that:

A. Consists of or comprises language that is obscene, contemptuous, profane or prejudicial; [2003, c. 434, §9 (NEW); 2003, c. 434, §37 (AFF) .]

B. Promotes abusive or unlawful activity; [2003, c. 434, §9 (NEW); 2003, c. 434, §37 (AFF) .]

C. Falsely suggests an association with public institutions; or [2003, c. 434, §9 (NEW); 2003, c. 434, §37 (AFF) .]

D. Is duplicative. [2003, c. 434, §9 (NEW); 2003, c. 434, §37 (AFF) .]

[2009, c. 435, §1 (AMD) .]

4. Radio plates.

[2013, c. 381, Pt. A, §1 (RP) .]

5. Facsimile plates. The Secretary of State may issue a facsimile plate for a 60-day period during production of the semipermanent plate. The facsimile plate must be attached to the rear plate bracket.

[1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

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